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In re Application of:

Austin SMITH et al.

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AND PROGENITOR CELLS

Group Art Unit: 1633

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Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated December 21, 2001, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the claimed invention in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by inserting, after the last claim, the attached separate sheet containing an Abstract of Invention.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 47-50 as follows:

47. (Amended) A method according to Claim 42 wherein the selectable marker is introduced into the multipotential cell by targeted integration or random gene